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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1657

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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TAGS: PFOR VS VN MCAP

SUBJ: GVN EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE ON GVN NOTE ON DRV

CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF AIRFIELDS IN SVN

REF: PARIS 23943

1. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NGUYEN PHUONG THIEP HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON OF SEPT 11, AT WHICH HE DISTRIBUTED GVN NOTE TO DRV OF SEPT 10 ON CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF AIRFIELDS IN SVN IN VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND JUNE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. AMBASSADOR THIEP SHOWED PRESS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO OF 12 AIRFILEDS MENTIONED IN NOTE, AND MAP ACCOMPANYING PRESS RELEASE IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS OF AIRFIELDS. VIETNAMESE EMBASSY SENT CIRCULAR NOTE DATED SEPT 11 TO EMBASSIES AND HIGH COMMISSIONS IN CANBERRA, ENCLOSING BOTH VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION (DONE BY VIETNAMESE EMBASSY CANBERRA) OF NOTE OF SEPT 10 ON AIRFIELDS.

2. AUSTRALIAN PRESS PLAY OF GVN PROTEST HAS BEEN ONLY MODEST. CANBERRA TIMES STORY CARRIED PHOTO OF DOUBLE AIRSTRIP AT KHE SANH AND FACTUAL STORY, BASED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIETNAMESE EMBASSY RELEASE. MELBOURNE AGE CARRIES

STORY DATED SAIGON SEPT 11, STATING THAT PROTEST
NOTE IS FROM U.S. TO NORTH VIET-NAM, DELIVERED AT NORTH
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN PARIS. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR.

3. COMMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SAIGON MOVED
WITH EXEMPLARY DISPATCH ON THIS ISSUE. VIETNAMESE EMBASSY
CANBERRA RECEIVED VIETNAMESE TEXT OF NOTE AND SELECTION
OF AIRFIELD PHOTOS SEPT 10 AND HAD ENGLISH TRANSLATION
(SUITABLY DONE, WITH A DASH OF SOYA SAUCE FOR AUTHENTICITY)
DONE SAME DAY. HOWEVER, PHOTOS NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANIED
BY NEGATIVE, WHICH MADE DUPLICATION SLOW AND HAMPERED
PRESS PLAY. IF EMBASSY REVIEWS EXERCISE WITH MFA, MIGHT
BE WELL TO SUGGEST SENDING NEGATIVES TO VIETNAMESE
EMBASSIES ABROAD IN FUTURE CASES OR, ALTERNATIVELY AND
PROBABLY BETTER, 10 SETS OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR IMMEDIATE
USE WITH PRESS.
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